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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF	}	
	}	Administrative Action
DR. ROBERT E. HILL	}	
	}	FINAL ORDER
LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY	}	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	}	

This matter came before the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry pursuant to the issuance of a Uniform Penalty Letter to the respondent for failing to complete twenty (20) credits of continuing dental education in the period of June 1, 1992 to October 31, 1993 as required for biennial license renewal for the period 1993-95 in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:6-10.1 et seq. and the Board's regulations at N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.18.

The Uniform Penalty Letter offered the respondent four alternatives for resolving the matter: (1) agree to complete the twenty credits of continuing education on or before December 31, 1994 pursuant to an extension permitted by the Board with an automatic imposition of a \$500.00 civil penalty if the respondent failed to complete the requirement by the deadline; (2) acknowledge the violation and submit a civil penalty in the amount of \$500; (3) request a hearing on the matter before the Board; or (4) waive any right to a hearing and submit a written statement for the Board's final consideration. The Uniform Penalty Letter further advised the respondent that the alternative selected for resolving the matter had to be provided to the Board on a certification enclosed with the Uniform Penalty Letter within ten (10) days following receipt of the Letter. The respondent further was advised in the event no response was received by the Board within the prescribed time, the allegation would be deemed admitted and the Board would proceed to finally review the matter and enter an appropriate Final Order.

The respondent submitted a signed certification indicating that "I will complete twenty hours of continuing education credit on or before December 31, 1994 and will submit a notarized list of these courses to the Board on or before December 31, 1994. I acknowledge these 20 credits are separate and apart from the 40 hours of credit, which will be required for my October 31, 1995 license renewal. In the event I fail to submit the notarized list of courses by December 31, 1994, I understand that a \$500.00 civil penalty will be automatically assessed and become due and payable no later than January 15, 1995." (copy of certification attached).

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In March, 1995, a certified letter was sent to the respondent indicating that the deadline for submission of continuing education credits had passed and that the \$500.00 civil penalty was to be submitted within ten (10) days. The Board received no response from the respondent to date, and the Board has in its possession a signed return receipt for certified mail from the respondent evidencing receipt of the letter directing payment of the civil penalty.

Accordingly, the allegation of the Uniform Penalty Letter that the respondent failed to complete twenty continuing education credits as required by the Dental Practice Act and the Board's regulation is deemed admitted, and the Board finds good cause to enter the within Order.

THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 21st DAY OF June, 1995,
HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The respondent shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars. Said penalty shall be submitted to the Board of Dentistry by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey at 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45005, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101, no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order.

2. This Order shall be deemed a first offense for the respondent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:6-10.8 and any violation of the Board's continuing education requirements in a subsequent biennial license renewal period shall be deemed a second or subsequent offense and considered professional misconduct.


STEPHEN CANDIO, D.B.S.
PRESIDENT
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY